

## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(New Non-provisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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## TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Richard Meyer, entitled Method and System for Dynamic Expansion and Contraction of Nodes in a Storage Area Network, for a(n):

( ) Original Patent Application.

(X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

- ( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional ( ) Continuation-in-part (CIP) (X) Provisional  
of prior application No: 60/422,109 Filed on: October 28, 2002  
( ) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

- (X) Specification; 26 Total Pages. (X) Drawing(s); 8 Total Sheets.  
(X) Oath or Declaration:  
(X) A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:  
( ) Signed. (X) Unsigned. ( ) Partially Signed.  
( ) A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).  
( ) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.  
( ) Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).  
( ) Power of Attorney. (X) Return Receipt Postcard.  
( ) Associate Power of Attorney. (X) A Check in the amount of \$ 509.00 for the Filing Fee.  
( ) Preliminary Amendment. ( ) Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.  
( ) A Duplicate Copy of this Form for Processing Fee Against Deposit Account.  
( ) A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).  
( ) Applicant claims small entity status.  
( ) Other:

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FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	29	9	\$9.00	\$ 81.00
Independent Claims	4	1	\$43.00	\$ 43.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				\$0.00
Assignment Recording Fee				\$0.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$385.00
Total Filing Fee				\$ 509.00

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